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SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Mr. President, I believe we've worked this thing through, and I'm going to make a few comments, not to contradict what anybody has said, because what they said will speak for itself; what I said earlier will speak for itself. But in view of what Senator Brashear said, let me add something. The department is the entity that will set this fee. The words "to defray the cost" are designed to give the department some kind of a guideline. We don't want the department to be prevailed upon to set a fee that is exorbitant, or blown out of proportion, so that the person attending one of these programs is going to have to pay for something he or she is not given under that program. When we make it available, by "it" I meant this program, to the public, we should be representing to the public that the fee you are paying is paid not as a fine or a punishment, but to underwrite the cost of presenting this program. It's not raising extra revenue for other purposes. And that's as much as I'm going to say, because the department will be able to review these programs, see whether some of those that are in existence now may be charging \$500, is considered exorbitant. So the price is not going to be \$500. Maybe \$50 is too low. So now you have the brackets or the bookends. Now you begin to work inward from both of those until you reach a happy medium, who would be know as Miss Cleo if she gets out of her legal difficulties. And for those who don't know, Miss Cleo is the psychic on cable television who will read tarot cards and tell you things that I could tell you if you'd pay me. But at any rate, I hope you will adopt this amendment, because it's not taking any language out of the bill. Mr. President, I am through.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:    You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Chambers amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK:    27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:    The Chambers amendment is adopted. Pursuant to my announcement earlier, we have four clean bills, LB 1126 where we will start. Mr. Clerk.